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# Garden Oaks Gazette

The newsletter of the Garden Oaks Civic Club

## Constable Program

*Terry Jeanes, Program Chair*

### **IMPORTANT: USE VACATION WATCH FORM**

Recently, a GO resident was gone for a long July 4th weekend and had a break-in while gone. They did not use the opportunity to have a vacation watch on their home. The time of the break in could not be pinpointed. One thing that helps while you are gone is seeing activity around the property. Reminder: whether your absence from home will be just a few days or longer, use the Vacation Watch.

**Thank you to Precinct One** Constable's office who assisted in the July 4th Parade. Our Patrol Deputy Nowlin was joined by three of his fellow officers, including a drone video shot.

### **Have you supported the Constable Program in 2021 yet?**

We need you! You can pay online at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org) or via the form in this newsletter. Payment of at least \$250 per household will get you a GO Constable Supporter sign. That's a mere 65 cents per day!

We currently have 322 Constable Supporters at the \$250 level and above, and we are targeting 400. **If you need a new sign or a 2021 sticker, email [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org).** A roster of current supporters is available at [gardenoaks.org](http://gardenoaks.org).

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Garden Oaks Civic Club  
Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 3, 7 pm  
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## Gazette Editor Needed

We are still searching for a new *Gazette* editor. If you have graphic design or layout skills, that would be helpful but not necessary. If you are interested, please contact [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org).

## Garden Oaks Civic Club Business Members

Welcome to the following neighbors and neighborhood businesses who joined our new Business Membership Program. Thanks for your support!

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3. **Articles should be titled.** These can be as simple as the name of the committee or event, but a concise title should be provided for other articles.

# With Gratitude

*Joe Muscara, Gazette Editor*

It was never our intention to live or move anywhere else.

Garden Oaks gave us so much, and we can only hope that we contributed back in our own little way.

Garden Oaks gave me the opportunity to be *Gazette* editor twice, but I was only able to do it the second time after having learned the lessons from the first time. Make no mistake, those lessons applied to more than just doing the *Gazette*.

Garden Oaks gave me a great place to become a regular walker and then a runner. I was probably always the former, but I didn't know I had the latter in me.

Garden Oaks taught me a deeper appreciation of nature and how much I need it in my life and surroundings.

Garden Oaks gave us two cats, and relationships with several others if you can call feeding a feral a relationship.

Garden Oaks reminded me of who I wanted to be as a person. I made some big mistakes along the way, but I hope that I learned from those mistakes and came out a better person.

Garden Oaks may have given me the largest number of friends since I was in school.

Garden Oaks is unique among neighborhoods, both in the way it is laid out and set up, and in the way it provides opportunities to get involved and engenders community. I have never seen a neighborhood quite like Garden Oaks, and I deeply appreciate what it gave to me.

# Recycling Reminder

Recycling right is just as important as recycling more. Contamination harms the program by making it hard to recover clean recyclables at the sorting center.

Most importantly, **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!** Bagged recyclables are the number one contaminant and cause of tangling the recycling equipment. Keep your recyclables loose and free. **Do NOT put recycling in trash bags or garbage bags into your green recycling bin!**

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## Letter to the Editor

My name is Janie Marquez-Rezzoffi, and I want to recognize my husband, Sam Rezzoffi, for his hard work in keeping the Garden Oaks neighborhood looking nice. He has undertaken several projects that I would like to bring to your attention.

He has cut and cleaned out the dead oleanders on the right of way from the railroad tracks to 38th Street. He did this very hard work in the horrendous heat by himself. He also picks up the trash along N. Shepherd Dr. You may have seen him out there. Sam also paints over the graffiti along N. Shepherd Dr. and was instrumental in getting the graffiti off the fence behind the homes on Sue Barnett to deter gangs from trying to claim territory in the neighborhood.



He was also able to make contact with those responsible for decorating the electrical boxes (ie: Garden Oaks Dr/N. Shepherd). The school is working on a design.

I appreciate his dedication to keeping this area clean even though I may fuss at him for doing it. Many have seen him, but may not know who he is. Perhaps you could find space in the *Gazette* to mention him. I'm sure good news/deeds are always welcome. I hope you will consider putting a little something about him in the newsletter.

Thank-you,  
Janie Marquez-Rezzoffi  
Section 2

P.S. Info regarding Sam: he is  
almost 70, retired from



working in sales, loves to  
dance, work in the yard, travel,  
and meet people.

# Citizen Patrol

*Mark Saranie, Program Chair*

Our members have dwindled to three. We need help. Our neighborhood crime statistics may be very low in comparison to the surrounding areas now, but with more companies pulling employees back into the office, this will result in many empty homes becoming targets. Please consider joining our volunteer patrol program. Email [gocop@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gocop@gardenoaks.org) if interested.

## Reported Crime stats for June

6/18, 1 pm, 900 block W 41st—Theft from vehicle

6/28, 7 am, 400 block W 33rd—Destruction, damage, vandalism

# Constable Statistics June 2021

Data are provided monthly for the contract with the Harris County Precinct One Constable deputy who patrols Garden Oaks. The number of responses is shown for each category.

Our deputy is following CDC guidelines on the street as well as in the office.

- Accident Minor – 1
- Alarm Call – 1
- Burglary Motor Vehicle – 1
- Check /Park/School – 12
- Civil Process – 8
- Contract Check – 101
- Indecent Exposure – 1
- Information Call – 3
- Meet the Citizen – 15
- Meet the Officer – 1
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- Suspicious Person/Vehicle – 16
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# Back to School Safety Reminders

*Stephanie DuBroff-Acosta, Parent Engagement Liaison GOMM*

It is hard to believe but it is almost time for kiddos to head back to school!

This means school zones will be in effect, traffic will be heavier, and more students will be walking or biking in the neighborhood.

Garden Oaks Montessori serves children 3 years old to 8th grade.

The school zone hours are 7:45 – 8:45 am and 3:00 – 4:15 pm Monday – Friday.

All HISD classes begin on August 23, 2021.

Here are some safety reminders for driving in school zones:

- Be patient!
- Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones.
- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way,
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give

you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind — or from either direction if you're on an undivided road — if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. *The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.* (Always take a right, or continue straight, when exiting school property!)

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist.
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass.
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals.
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this.
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods.
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
- Check side mirrors before opening your door.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

For more information, please see the National Safety Council website at:

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# Mickey's Minute

*Mickey Morales*

At the time of this writing, we're experiencing a summer filled with more rain and less heat than years past. This comes as a mixed blessing. It's really great for our fellow Oakies who have to pay those pesky water bills but tough for Farmer Cathy along with her plants and animals. I know it sounds counter-intuitive because most folks think that farmers pray for rain. However, there can be too much of a good thing. The plants just wilt in a steam bath, and the chickens and goats don't like to come out and forage in the rain; thus, production suffers. Not to mention how tiring sloughing round in the mud can be.

For my part, the rain slows down traffic at the market and my weekly pop-ups. But I do have to admit that not slaving away in one hundred degree heat is a blessing in itself. I am pretty sure by the time this newsletter gets out we'll be back to a more normal weather pattern, and I'll be looking forward to October.

The market will probably continue at its current occupancy level until it cools down a bit, Jennifer of

Bloom, bloom flowers should be returning in September along with our cake and sweets baker, Lene Sue Baggett and hopefully a few others. So here's to the end of wetter but cooler weather.

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# Air Conditioning 101: How Your A/C System Works

*Mitch Weigand*

Have you ever wondered how your air conditioner does its job? While there are a wide range of choices available (central A/C systems, heat pumps, ductless/mini splits, window units, etc.), they all basically work the same way.

**The Freon** – Most home A/C systems use freon, a chemical that easily changes from a liquid to a gas and back to a liquid. Also known as refrigerant, when liquid freon converts into a gas, it absorbs heat that’s present. This process is called phase transition and is essential to move hot air from within your home to the outside.

**The Compressor** – With central A/C systems, both the compressor and condenser are housed in the outdoor unit. Freon is compressed by the compressor into a liquid. This liquid freon travels up into the attic via freon lines to the evaporator. When it enters the evaporator, the liquid freon expands to a gas, and in this process, picks up heat from your home that is being sucked up through the return air. The compressor then pushes the freon along (now fully gorged with heat) to the outside

condenser.

**The Condensor** – This is a series of copper coils through which the heated freon, in a gaseous state, travels. While moving through these coils, the heat dissipates into the air outside, aided by an exterior fan. At the end of the condenser, the freon has now lost most of its heat and is compressed back down to a liquid state again. It is then sent back to the attic to pick up more heat blowing across the inside of your evaporator coil.

**The Evaporator** – Liquid freon re-enters your home, a little at a time in a controlled process. It is reintroduced to the interior coils and begins to evaporate rapidly within the coils. Placed over the evaporator coils are a series of metal fins that become very cold. At this point, the blower motor of your furnace is being used by your A/C system to blow hot air from inside your home across the cold fins. The resulting cooled air is now spread throughout your home via the air ducts in every room. This process repeats itself until the desired temperature set on the thermostat is attained.

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# Garden Oaks Civic Club Meeting Minutes

*Beth Jackson, Secretary*

July 6, 2021 via Zoom

President Tonya Knauth began the meeting at 7:04 pm with several announcements: the community had a successful bike parade on July 3rd to celebrate the 4th of July holiday — a renewed tradition after the event was on hold due to the pandemic in 2020. The Grand Marshal was Houston City Council member Abbie Kamin. We had great support from the Constables as well. Thank you, Pamela and Matthew Bell, for coordinating the parade!

The minutes from the June GOCC meeting of the Garden Oaks Civic Club were approved as written.

State Representative Penny Morales Shaw joined the call to give a legislative update after the close of the regular session of the Texas Legislature, before the start of the special session.

She highlighted some of the more than 6,000 bills filed during the regular session, of which she authored or signed on to more than 300 bills.

Highlights included:

Public schools are funded for the next biennium.

There was a weatherization conversation and resulting legislation that encourages weatherization — albeit no mandate — of the power plants across Texas.

State Representative Garnet Coleman led an effort to expand Medicare/Medicaid that was not successful. A bill passed to reduce the price of insulin and to cap it at \$25/month for users. A bill passed to expand maternal care from 2 months to 6 months.

A bill passed to set up a state fund to provide relief to micro-businesses affected by the pandemic/Covid-19. Also, a bill to help children maintain health insurance by requiring recertification once every 12 months instead of more frequently was successful.

There was a bill passed to address the racial language in deed restrictions. It requires individual property owners to petition the County to strike the language from their own deed.

Permitless carry, which makes it easier to own, carry, and brandish a weapon in public facilities, did pass. Individuals no longer need a license, safety training, nor safety storage training to carry a weapon. An amendment was attached to the bill that prohibits permitless carry on public school grounds.

Women's rights to choose has changed drastically in Texas with a ban on terminating a pregnancy after 6 weeks.

Critical race theory is banned in schools via curriculum and special projects. The new legislation limits what teachers can teach in political science and history classes. The bill limits the scope of what can be taught, involving women, Hispanic, African-American, labor, and slavery history, among others.

Rep. Shaw wrapped up by noting that the special session agenda still is unknown.

Regarding the racial language legislation that passed, Tonya pointed out that since most homeowners in GO don't have the racial language in their specific property deeds, but rather it is in the overarching restrictions from the 1930s, this bill as passed doesn't address the concerns and give us the authority to strike that language for our neighborhood. Rep. Shaw said she will continue to work on expanding and strengthening the law to make it more effective.

Beth Jackson asked the Representative to explain her decision on the proposed housing development at Fisher and Alba. Rep. Shaw said there was much opposition to the project from adjacent property owners, and many supporters of the project as well. She ultimately wrote a letter of neutrality which did not endorse the project, but allowed the developers to continue their application. Tonya reported that the project is still in the application process with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. If it is approved through the first gate, there will be more opportunity for public input.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paul Vincent was not present, so Tonya shared the budget for both the GOCC general and the Constable accounts. For the general account, we are \$500-600 off the YTD budget as of now, with no significant discrepancies on income. Expenses are also very close to the YTD budget. We are running a deficit budget this year, but we have significant reserves to offset the deficit.

The Constable account is \$8000 below projected income, but on track with expenses.

Full financial reports are available by contacting [treasurer@gardenoaks.org](mailto:treasurer@gardenoaks.org).

## Committee Reports

**Constable Program:** Currently \$90,000 has been contributed by residents for the 2021 contract. There are 322 constable program supporters at the requested \$250 and up level. Reminder — please set your vacation watch with the Constable and tell your neighbors that you'll be out of town. Thanks to Precinct 1 for their participation in the 4th of July bike parade. There is an effort abreast to encourage drivers to slow down on our streets.

Contact [constable@gardenoaks.org](mailto:constable@gardenoaks.org) if you are interested in volunteering. **Call Constable Dispatch at 713 755 7628 with any issues.**

**Beautification:** The Beautification crew has shifted from working outside to making plans indoors this time of year. They will focus on a large planting program this fall. Rain is taking care of the watering for now.

Section 2 resident Sam Rezzoffi has taken ownership of cleaning up/clearing the ROW between the RR tracks and W. 38th. He has volunteered to be the park captain for that area.

**GardenOaks.org:** According to Chair Pam Parks, the website needs updates on content and needs photos from the 4th of July bike parade.

**GO Citizen Patrol:** No report from Mark Saranie.

**Membership:** We have 278 paid GOCC members, up from 272 last month. An updated membership roster is

posted to the website. Current business memberships stand at 16. The GO Wine Walk committee is gearing up. Assuming no Covid-spike between now and then, the Wine Walk will be held on Saturday, November 6th — mark your calendars!

**GO Gazette:** Joe Muscara reminded attendees of the July 15 deadline for the August newsletter. We are still looking for a new editor and a new delivery coordinator. Please email [gazette@gardenoaks.org](mailto:gazette@gardenoaks.org) if interested.

**Social Media:** Instagram followers jumped from 130 to 172 during the past month. John is collaborating with Dian Austin to promote business members via our GO instagram account.

**Government Affairs/CIP:** There has been no action on two pending sidewalk issues — dropping two sidewalks to one on Sue Barnett in GO CIP East, and a general variance for GO neighborhood to the CoH Walkability and TOD projects.

## Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School

No representative on the call tonight. New principal, Amanda Sebba, is still getting up to speed. Hopefully we will have a representative at the August meeting.

## Old Business

No old business was brought up.

## New Business

Several of us have noticed plenty of neighbors bagging their recyclable items in plastic bags inside the green recycling bin, which contaminates the entire lot. Beth Jackson will draft a small reminder for the *Gazette* to run as space is available to alert residents to place recyclables directly in the green City of Houston bin.

As of now, we have no planned speaker for the August GOCC meeting. Stay tuned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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# Five Ways to Find an Honest Mechanic

*Joy Shute*

## Check Reviews and Word of Mouth

This is one of the best and easiest ways to find a reputable and honest mechanic. Besides asking friends and family, read online reviews on Google, Next Door, Yelp, or even the shop's Facebook page.

## Test Them Out

Before you need an urgent repair, try them out on a smaller repair or maintenance item. This can help save you money in the long run since a good mechanic will alert you to upcoming repairs before they become major concerns.

## Understand the Recommended Repairs

An honest mechanic will give you personal attention and take time to ask questions about the symptoms your car is having to better understand your issues upfront. Once your vehicle has been inspected, the mechanic should explain the solution in a way that is easy to understand along with a firm budget before any work is done. If you feel pressured or if they use unwarranted fear tactics, look elsewhere.

## Ask Questions

When looking at repair estimates, ask questions and request to see the wear and tear on the parts being replaced. Some go a step further and also provide a digital inspection report, complete with photos, so you can make an informed decision and prioritize repairs as needed. It's also important you receive updates throughout the repair process if your car is in the shop more than a day.

## Ask About a Warranty

Not all mechanics offer warranties, so ask ahead of time if one is provided. A warranty is a good indicator of a shop's honesty and reliability because it means that the shop stands behind its work. They usually do not cover wear and tear items, like brakes, but they do cover labor if a repair is done incorrectly, and parts, if one fails before the warranty term has ended. We are proud to stand behind our work and offer a 2 year/24K mile warranty so all our customers can have peace of mind.

Honesty is always the best policy, and we enjoy being able to build trusting relationships with all our customers. We are committed to doing right by our customers so they know they are being treated fairly at every visit and with every repair.

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# Heard Under the Oak Tree

*Terry Jeanes*

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

Congratulations on joining our community. We look forward to seeing you at a Civic Club meeting soon.

955 Althea	963 Althea	4231 Apollo
835 Lamonte	1025 Lamonte	3309 Lawrence
3106 Randall	1471 Sue Barnett	1579 Sue Barnett
1582 Sue Barnett	219 West 30th	967 West 41st
975 West 41st	846 West 41st	761 West 42nd
846 West 42nd	943 West 42nd	958 West 43rd

## Happy Birthday

Mark Sarmiento – 8/3	Elizabeth Klein – 8/3
Katherine Knauth – 8/4	Avery T. – 8/5
Rick Knauth – 8/9	Tony Padon – 8/23
Isabella R. – 8/23	Trent Salch – 8/23
Mary Beck – 8/24	Bridgette Martinez – 8/26
Emma Kathryn C. – 8/28	Debbie Padon – 8/28
Carl Waters – 8/29	

## Happy Anniversary

Pat Buron & Shelley Rogers – 8/5

## Out and About

**Julie Sherber** had an adventurous work trip to Costa Rica. **The Zindler-Feits** played at South Padre. **The Theriots** were cutting up in Louisiana. It was a great trip to New Orleans for **the Cunninghams**. A big adventure was had at Camp Ozark for the **Dilley, Theriot, and Cracknell kids**. **Brooke Murphy and clan** went to Colorado.

**Chris Lindsay** had a fabulous trip to Greece including sailing the islands with family. **Lucinda Kurtas and family** had a fabulous time in Cancun. **Reese S.** had a fun-filled time at Camp Cho-Yeh, and received the courage award.

**Tina Sabuco & Shellye Arnold**, visited “Da Yoo Pee” (the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) for a week including cabin time at Bass Lake and meeting college friends in Marquette. **Caroline McLean** celebrated a big birthday with hubby Sean by jetting off to California. **Georgia**

**Lister** enjoyed some time at Abundance Retreat in Wimberley.

**Marisa Zindler & Alexis** enjoyed a mom and daughter trip, including the Lavender farm in Luling and brisket tasting in Lockhart. **Michael Beard** enjoyed some time in Gulf Shores Alabama. **Caroline Stender** did loads of hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.

## Congratulations

To **Joan and Gary Harmon** who celebrated 40 years of marriage July 7th and also 40 years in Garden Oaks!

**Doug and Julie Mischlich** celebrated 20 years of marriage including dinner at Gristmill and dancing at Gruene Hall.

**Alex Feit** had a week of wakeboarding camp, and she entered her very first wakeboard competition and came in 3rd place. **Hannah Maltbie** received all As for all six cycles and is preparing to go to HSPVA. A job well done to **Julian Seghers** who back in March submitted an original poem to the 2021 Poetry Society of Texas student contest. He won first place for the Mahan Prize.

## Special Thoughts

Original GO resident **Rita Donaldson** recently passed away and held a special bond with several nearby Garden Oaks residents.

**Carrie Arnett, Jon Cometta, & family** said goodbye to their dear Clementine.

*To highlight an event, celebration or other tidbit, please submit information no later than the 13th of the month to Terry Jeanes at [terry@terryjeanes.com](mailto:terry@terryjeanes.com).*

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**2021 COMBINED CIVIC CLUB AND CONSTABLE DUES STATEMENT  
(January – December)**

**Civic Club membership is open to all residents. While membership is voluntary, you must be a paid member to be eligible to vote on civic club matters. Constable Dues are also voluntary and help pay for our Precinct One Constable Deputy on patrol.**

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**Civic Club:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Basic Membership \$40** (\$20 for seniors 65+)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Community Household Membership \$100**

**Constable Program:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Constable Supporter (\$250, w/yard signage)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional Constable Program contribution**

**Other:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Contribution to Beautification** (maintain area green spaces)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Contribution to Garden Club** (maintain Friendship Park, Section 1)

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# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Civic Club Meeting 7 pm Online via Zoom	4	5	6	7 Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
15 Gazette Article Deadline	16	17	18	19 Ashura	20	21 Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Farm Stand 9 am - 1 pm 949 Wakefield
29	30	31	Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted. — Ralph Waldo Emerson			



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